

ARTICLE XVII

INTERCEPT/REFERRAL ANNOUNCEMENT

17.0 Intercept/Referral Announcement.

17.1 Intercept Announcement. When a Customer changes its service provider from SBC-AMERITECH to CLEC, from CLEC to SBC-AMERITECH, or from CLEC to a CLEC and does not retain its original telephone number, the Party formerly providing the switching functionality for the Customer's abandoned line shall provide an intercept announcement ("**Intercept Announcement**") on the abandoned telephone number which provides details on the Customer's change in number. When a customer changes local service from SBC-AMERITECH to CLEC and an Intercept Announcement is needed, CLEC may, at its discretion, order the Intercept Announcement from SBC-AMERITECH on behalf of the Customer. When a customer leaves CLEC where CLEC was providing service to the customer through unbundled local switching from SBC-AMERITECH, SBC-AMERITECH may not preclude CLEC from ordering the Intercept Announcement on behalf of the Customer and shall accept the request for an Intercept Announcement directly from CLEC.

Intercept Announcements shall be provided reciprocally, free of charge to both the other Party and the Customer, for a period of 90 days for residential customers and 360 days for business customers; provided, however, that the provision of number referral is also subject to any state or federal requirement that numbers be placed back sooner into the pool of available numbers for reassignment. However, if either Party provides Intercept Announcements for a period different (either shorter or longer) than the above respective periods when its Customers change their telephone numbers, such Party shall provide the same level of service to Customers of the other Party.

SBC-AMERITECH will provide an Intercept Announcement pursuant to this section whenever a Customer switches local service from a CLEC to CLEC, and SBC-AMERITECH was providing the switching functionality on the line abandoned by the former CLEC Customer. SBC-AMERITECH will provide CLEC's Customers with the same Intercept Announcement options that SBC-AMERITECH offers to its own retail customers.